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HOUSE PLANNING AIDS



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HOUSEHOLD LINEN STORAGE

For convenience, household linens should be stored at or near the place where they are most likely to be used—table linens in the dining area, sheets and pillowcases near the bedrooms, and bath towels in or near the bathroom.

Dimensions and clearances have been established through research. It was found that bath towels store best on shelves 12 and 16 inches deep (front-to-back measure). Sheets and pillowcases store best on shelves 16 and 20 inches deep.

For spaces 20 or more inches front to back, sliding shelves or drawers are more convenient than fixed shelves. Two inches less clearance

is needed between movable surfaces than between surfaces that do not slide.

Shelves that can be adjusted make the best possible use of available space and accommodate changing needs.

On the following pages are given the widths and depths of shelves needed to store a limited number of specified items.

Designs for storage units that provide the necessary space are shown. You can develop other designs by using the interior dimensions given and making allowances for the type of construction you plan to use.

TABLE LINENS

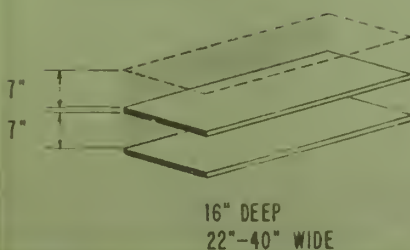
THESE UNITS PROVIDE SPACE
FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE	NUMBER OF PILES
6 TABLECLOTHS	2
12 NAPKINS	2

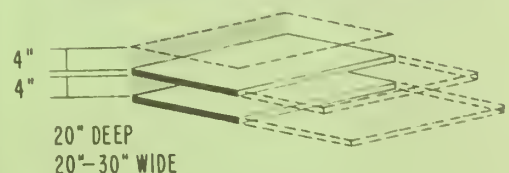
Two shelves or two drawers are needed to store the linens listed. Plan to use the corner space in the kitchen cabinet that opens from the dining-area side, by installing drawers or sliding shelves. Illustrated below is a unit for a dining area with fixed shelves for linens.



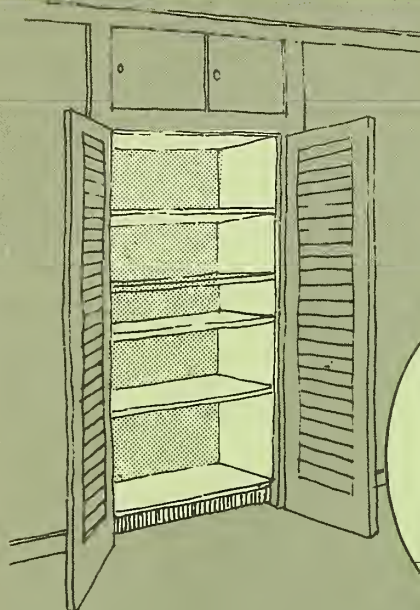
FIXED SHELVES



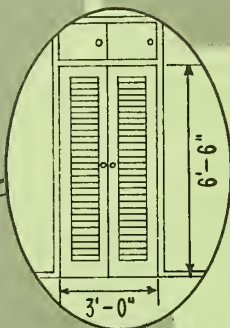
DRAWERS OR SLIDING SHELVES



BEDDING



Bedding fits well into full-length closets. The dimensioned sketches on this page show how much space is needed, and how these space requirements can be incorporated into storage designs.

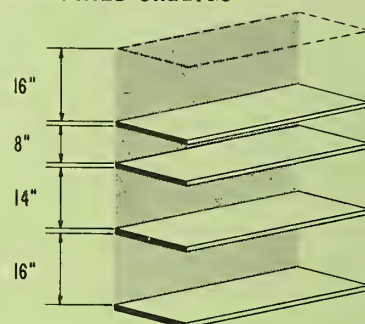


Features of this design are adjustable shelves, two louvered doors that open the entire width of the closet, and a separate storage area above the doors.

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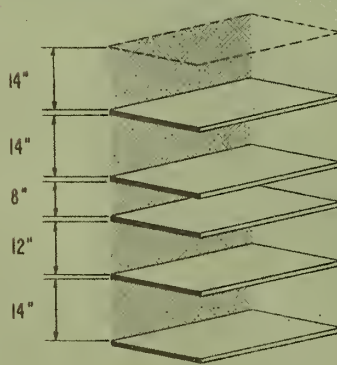
ARTICLE	NUMBER OF PILES
4 BLANKET SHEETS	2
3 BEDSPREADS	2
6 SHEETS	1
7 PRS. PILLOW CASES	2
6 DRESSER SCARVES	1
4 BLANKETS, QUILTS	2

FIXED SHELVES

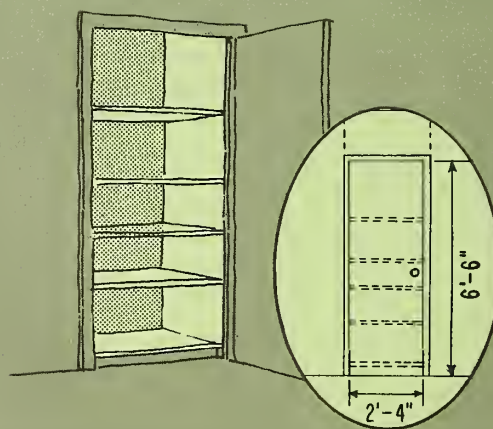


16" DEEP
34"-41" WIDE

FIXED SHELVES

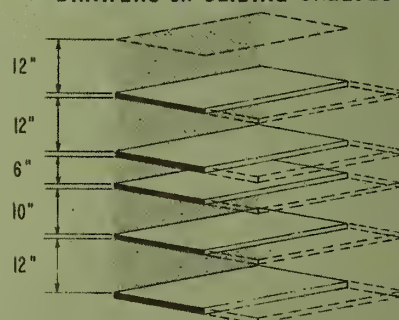


20" DEEP
26"-32" WIDE

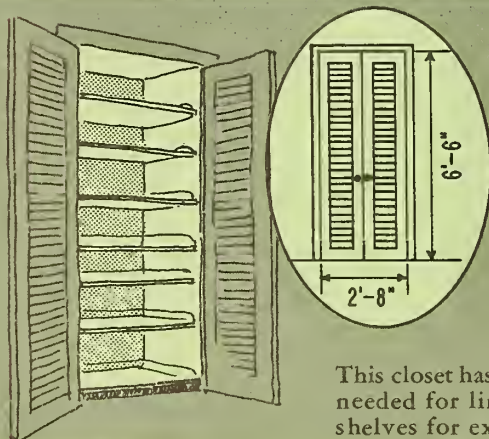


This closet—20 inches deep and not as wide as the one illustrated above—is designed with a stock door, 2 feet 4 inches wide, and a raised floor for protection from dust.

DRAWERS OR SLIDING SHELVES

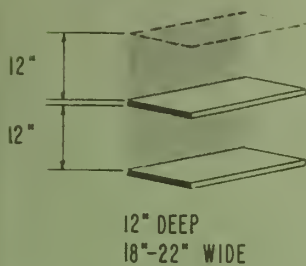


20" DEEP
26"-32" WIDE



This closet has five sliding shelves needed for linen, and two fixed shelves for extra bedding.

FIXED SHELVES



In a small bathroom, the only available space for a towel cabinet may be above the water closet. There should be enough space between the top of the tank and the bottom of the cabinet for servicing the tank. The cabinet can be built into the stud space to provide additional depth if the location of the soil stack permits.

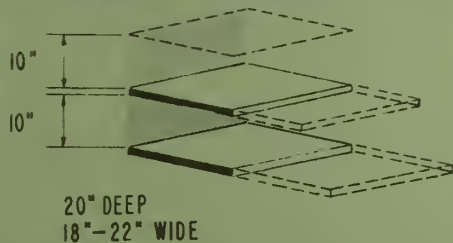


BATH LINENS

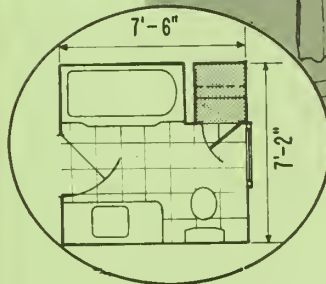
THESE UNITS PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE	NUMBER OF PILES
12 BATH TOWELS	2
12 WASH CLOTHS	2

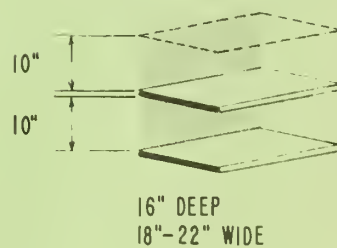
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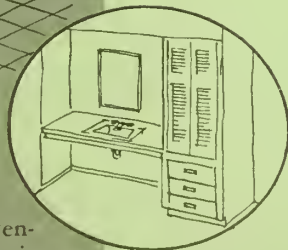
In this arrangement, bath linens are conveniently stored in drawers. Extra storage is provided on the shelves in the top of the cabinet for bathroom supplies.



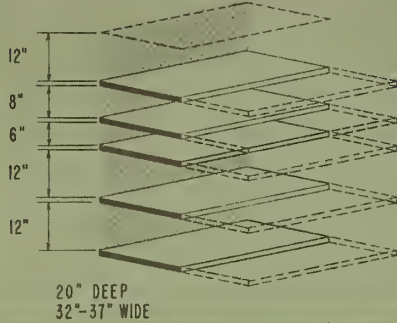
FIXED SHELVES



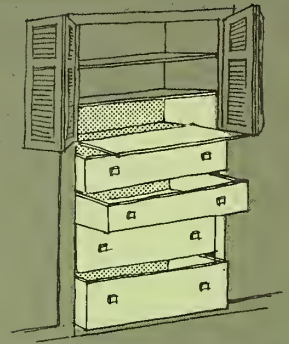
A closet at the end of the tub provides storage not only for bath linens but for other articles as well. The closet shown here has a basket on the floor for soiled clothing, and a locked medicine cabinet at the top. Shelves could be put on the door for storage of toiletries, such as shampoos and soap.



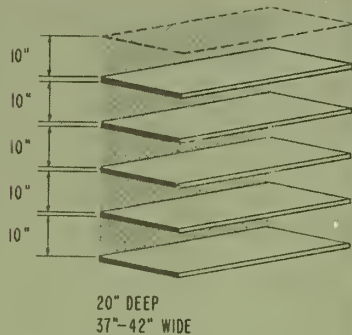
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A combination of drawers and shelves can be used for linen storage. In this design, the drawers plus the pullout shelf will accommodate the articles listed. Shelves above provide extra storage.



FIXED SHELVES

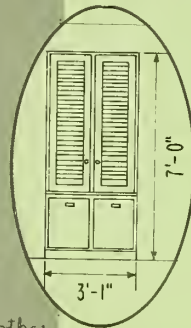
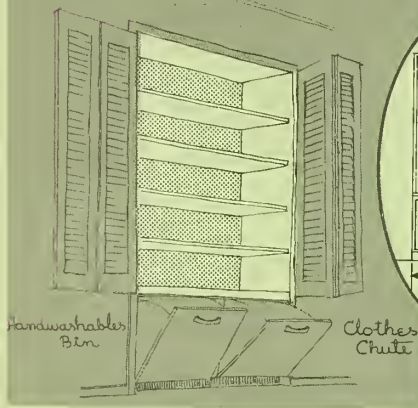


When bedding and bath linens are stored together, the closet should be convenient to bedrooms and bath.

BEDDING AND BATH LINENS

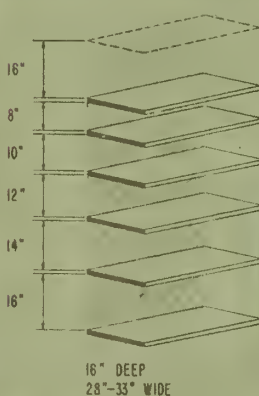
THESE UNITS PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE	NUMBER OF PILES
12 BATH TOWELS	2
12 WASH CLOTHS	2
3 BEDSPREADS	2
4 BLANKETS, QUILTS, COMFORTERS	2
4 BLANKET SHEETS	1
6 DRESSER SCARVES	1
7 PRS. PILLOWCASES	2
6 SHEETS	1

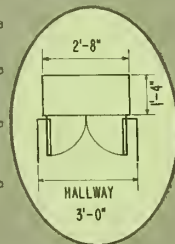


The bin at the bottom of this closet is for handwashables. The chute for soiled clothing is a convenient feature if the closet can be located above the laundry area.

FIXED SHELVES



This design could easily fit at the end of a hall. Note the 4-inch toe space at the bottom of the closet.



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